

HALF-AND-HALF PLAN DEFENDED

A. Lisner Says Washington Must Be Developed on Elaborate Scale.

NATION OWNS THE CITY

Consequently, He Declares, Whole Country Should Contribute Toward Beautifying Capital.

By A. LISNER.

Philadelphians will tell you that "the City of Brotherly Love" belongs to Philadelphians, Bostonians that Boston belongs to Bostonians, and so with every city in the United States with the single exception of the residents of Washington. Citizens of Washington will tell you that the city belongs to the nation, as the capital of the nation, belongs to all the nation. And this feeling of national ownership is universal throughout the nation. The tourist just arrived from Maine or California will tell you this or that about the first impression made upon them at the sight of "our capital," and no one among the city's oldest inhabitants will do aught to dispute such claims of ownership.

And the wise men in charge of national legislation for generations have so recognized the relationship existing between the nation and the Nation's Capital and have so legislated. Such a basis of operation has long been commonly known as the "half-and-half" plan; briefly, a plan by which the expenses of the city of Washington, or more properly the District of Columbia, are paid, one-half by the taxpayers of the District and one-half by the United States government.

Taxes Are Not Low.

To unthinking people it sometimes appears that such a plan reduces the tax bills of District property-holders, and some legislators thereby who would have their constituents believe that their money which has gone into the United States government is being used to help pay the taxes of those more fortunate citizens of the District of Columbia.

A little comparison will show that present taxes actually paid out annually by the taxpayers of the District of Columbia to be considerable in excess of the average paid throughout the United States. The fact that Washington is the seat of the national government necessitates the highest order of improvements that the ingenuity of man has devised and an expense of maintenance second to none in every respect. In short, making Washington the home of the national government puts upon the city a burden of expense that must in fact be borne by that same government. And that this works out equitably for the government is emphasized by the further fact that, if the property in Washington owned by the government was taxed in proportion to that now collected annually from taxpayers of the District, the cost to the government would be far in excess of the appropriation made to the District of Columbia by the United States government on the so-called "half-and-half" plan now so long and so satisfactorily in operation.

Many Champions.

Men of national prominence of both present and past generations who have



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been in a position to study the relationship of the government to its capital city have been unequivocally for the "half-and-half" plan as it exists today. One in particular in whom the country had cause to have much faith, the late William McKinley, during his lifetime spoke very strongly for the present form of taxation.

In these days we have many who would experiment. Or, worse still, those who would tear down that which already exists without any practical plan to take the place of that which they would destroy. There may be a better plan than the present "half-and-half" basis of meeting the operating expenses of the District of Columbia, but it is doubtful, and those who have the welfare of the nation's capital city, as well as the welfare of the entire nation at heart, will want something further than a desire to experiment placed before them before they take any action along lines contrary to the present basis of operation.

TRAVELING MAN DOFFS HIS HAT

Declares Saloons of Washington Best Regulated of Any Town in the Country.

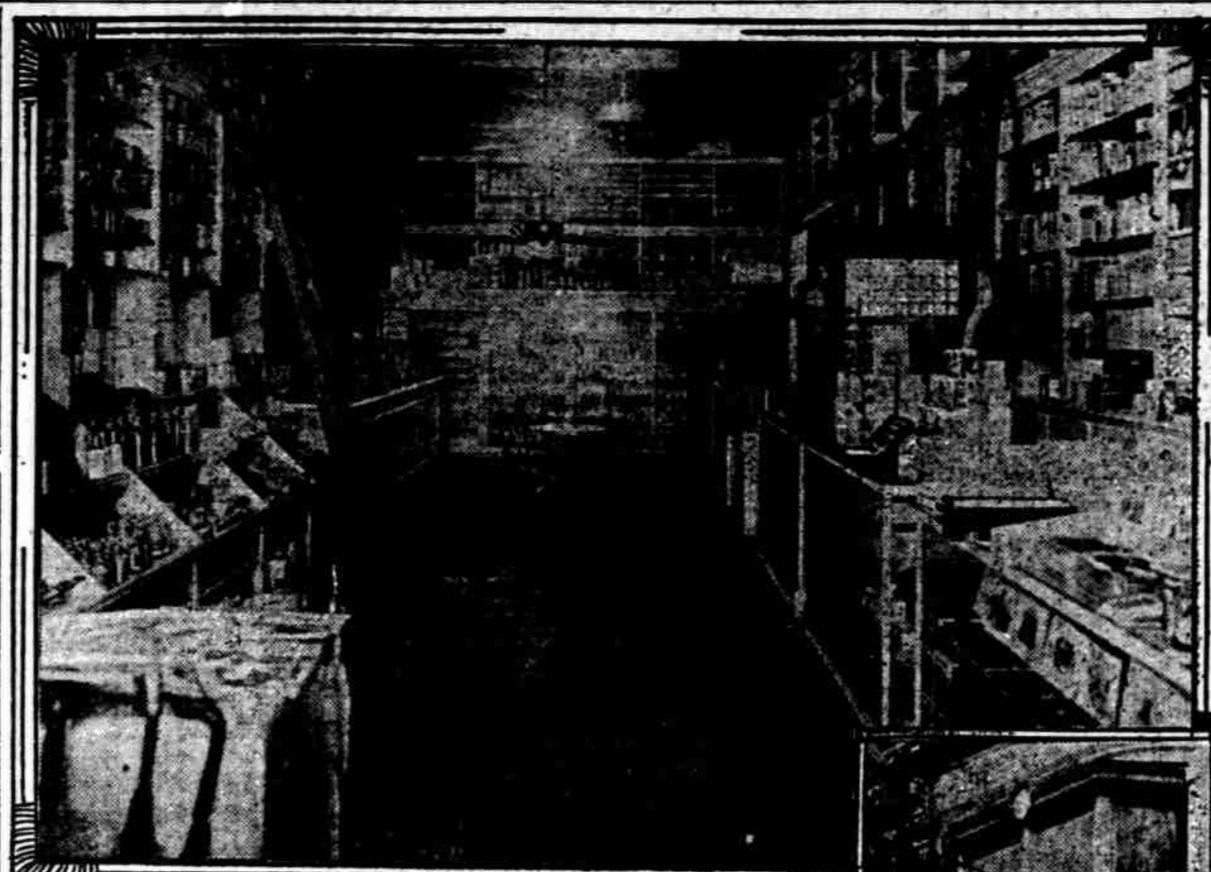
"I want to tell you this," said a man of the world of affluent appearance. "I have been traveling for twenty years, and during that time I have made twice that many trips from coast to coast, and I have had my share of drinks at thousands of bars in hundreds of the biggest towns of this country, and with all that experience I want to say that Washington has the best regulated saloons, the most courteous bartenders, and the most temperate drinkers of any city I ever visited."

"Thanks," said the appreciative and gentlemanly mixologist, "have another."

"No, thank you," said the other: "I don't go very heavy on the stuff, especially when I am in Washington. If I got drunk here I would be painfully conspicuous. I am told that the regulations of the District regarding the sale of liquor to an intoxicated person are very strict; I believe they are more strict here in that particular than in any city of the country, and it has been my experience that the barkeepers strictly regard the regulation—how about it?"

"I should say they do," said the man behind the bar: "if you were standing up there showing any signs of getting drunk, I wouldn't sell you a drink to save your life. No, sir, we can't afford to do it. If an intoxicated man is seen going out of the door of this saloon any man who wanted to give the proprietor trouble could have him before the Excise Board for selling liquor to an intoxicated man and the probability is the boss would lose his license. Do you suppose we are going to risk losing our license just to sell you, or any other man, a drink or two? I should say not?"

"I never got drunk in Washington but once," said the traveling man, "and that was on a Saturday night. I remember it all right, because the next day was Sunday. If the next day hadn't been Sunday I might not remember it so painfully, because, on



THE NEW PEOPLE'S DRUG STORE AT 2002 FOURTEENTH STREET, NEAR CORNER FOURTEENTH AND U STREETS

Upper Fourteenth Street Fast Becoming a Business Center.

Just as the trend of business in New York is up Broadway, more and more, so is the upper end of Fourteenth street in Washington fast becoming a busy section of this city, and it is but natural. The northwest part of the city is building up as a fine residential section by leaps and bounds. Mount Pleasant, as it is called, and particularly that part of it which embraces the upper end of Fourteenth street, has natural advantages for the home seeker, which have attracted the builder of permanent homes until there is scarcely room for more building except such building is extended out farther and farther. Such a thickly settled residential section demands the convenient advantages of all the kinds of business that are necessary to filling the wants of the every-day life of any good community, and demands them right in that section of town where, in this day of concentrated energy where time is at a premium, they can quickly supply every need. It follows also, that such businesses must be of a high and efficient caliber to measure up to the high standard of such a residential section as this, and it is of just such kind of firms that the trend upward on Fourteenth street is noticeable.

A recent example of this is the new store of the People's Drug Stores at 2002 Fourteenth street, next to the bank on the northwest corner of Fourteenth and U streets. This store is a striking example of a typical very modern drug store in every detail. To walk into it makes one almost feel for a minute as if they were in some wide-awake section of little old New York; so complete, compact and efficiently arranged for handling modern trade in this new store. A white effect is carried out entirely in the fittings and furnishings, which is furthered in its bright, clean, wholesome sanitary effect by a light tiled floor. The People's Drug Stores have long enjoyed an enviable reputation for serving the people of Washington in a live, up-to-the-minute way at their other two stores at Seventh and K streets and Seventh and E streets northwest in the heart of the shopping districts, by giving the public the best in the drug and sundry lines at minimum prices, and also what is just as important in this day and age, by giving the public an unexcelled service in every sense of the word.

Evidently this concern was quick to see the business possibilities of Fourteenth street at U, and this new store not only adequately fills a real need of this section, but it is an attractive addition to this busy corner where all progressive live wires boost.

any other day of the morning after I could have walked into a bar and braced myself with a drink. But I came too that Sunday morning without any booze and as soon as I realized that I didn't have any I got as nervous as an old maid receiving her first proposal at forty. I tried to shake off the nervousness but it wouldn't shake. I was doing the shaking myself. Late in the afternoon I couldn't stand it any longer and I went hunting for a drink. One acquaintance after another, whom I approached as a possible lifesaver, declared that they had no whiskey and they assured me that I might as well try to break into the United States Treasury as to break into a saloon on Sunday in Washington, or even into the contents of a bottle out of a saloon.

"However," continued the speaker, "I kept on going and finally I met a friend of mine who manages a saloon on the Avenue. I told him my troubles. I showed him my troubles. And I told him that if I didn't get a drink I'd sure lay down and die.

"Well, I'd hate to see you die," he said to me, "but if I actually knew you were dying it would be worth my business to me to even give you a drink, let alone sell you any. Of course I wouldn't think of selling you any on

Sunday, but I simply cannot give you any either."

"And I failed to find a single drink all that miserable day. But I didn't die as I thought I would. That sort of feeling is largely imagination, you know."

"What do you do in your travels when you hit a 'dry' town?" asked the bartender.

"I drink more than in a town where there are saloons," was the surprising answer. "It is easy to get whiskey in the 'dry' towns, and much easier to get it on Sunday than any other day. Saturday night and Sunday is the bootleggers' big night and day. I wouldn't vouch for the quality of whiskey you get from them, especially in the West—but its pretty good in the South, being pure 'moonshine'—nevertheless, you can get it and if you want to go up against it that's your funeral or your festival, as you please."

"But for a dry town on Sunday and for a perfectly regulated 'wet' town on any day in the week, I tell you Washington has all other big and little towns in this country pushed off the board. Saloon conditions in Washington," concluded the stranger, as he accepted the second invitation of the man behind the bar, are absolutely admirable. I take off my hat to the town."

STRIVE TO MAKE CITY GREAT MODERN UTOPIA

Retail Merchants Work for Commercial and Aesthetic Development of Capital.

By R. F. ANDREWS, President of the Retail Merchants' Association. Love of God, of country, and of city should be synonymous, and the sooner the citizens of Washington come to a thorough realization of this fact the better for Washington.

Likewise, what benefits Washington benefits its citizens, and so in boosting for Washington Washingtonians are performing a purely selfish yet magnanimous function.

We have reason to be just as proud of the National Capital as we are of our mothers, our wives, our best girls, because there is no city so satisfying as a place of abode or of employment as Washington.

It has been my duty to ride thousands of miles every year, visiting some of the biggest and smallest cities in the country, but there has never been a time that I was not glad to get back to Washington to enjoy the fruits of our forefathers' labors, which have made this city an ideal place of residence.

But we cannot make it a modern Utopia without embellishing it with elements of labor and production, and we must, individually and collectively, give our very earnest attention to developing the material side of the National Capital.

The members of the Retail Merchants' Association are pledged to very sincere effort along this line, and I am gratified to observe that these efforts are meeting with success. We are progressing in a commercial sense, and rightly so, because no city in this country offers better buying advantages than the National Capital. Our business houses make for integrity, and having pledged themselves to that rule, they are marching on to that success which is the natural reward of honest dealing—an axiom and a fact in Washington.

AMERICA AFTER SHARE OF CHINA'S COMMERCE

Development of American Vested Interest Planned—Scheme Indorsed in Washington.

An aggressive campaign to secure for American business a share in the development of the enormous resources of China has been planned by the Departments of State and Commerce. The plan contemplates the development of American vested interests in China that will insure the United States a fair share of that country's foreign trade, and be powerful enough to take care of itself in the complicated political-commercial situation there.

The scheme was developed by Paul S. Reinsch, minister to China; Julien I. Arnold, commercial attaché at Peking, and Dr. E. E. Pratt, chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Mr. Reinsch brought to Washington a program framed by himself and Mr. Arnold, which was submitted to Dr. Pratt, Secretary Lansing, and other officials. It was generally indorsed, and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce already has begun work along the lines suggested. Mr. Arnold will return to the United States this winter and tour the country to secure capital for investment in China.

State Department officials have been watching commercial conditions in China since the recent granting of extensive special privileges demanded by Japan. No political steps have been taken to secure concessions or privileges for Americans, however, and the policy of the government has been steadfastly against commercial politics, such as other nations have employed in China. The plan now proposed is expected to develop an American interest there, which will be powerful enough to meet the competition of other nations for the capital was piling up as a result of the European war, and that vast sums of money are available for investment. The bureau expects to take advantage of every opportunity now offered in China, and to have an American interest strongly entrenched there at the close of the war.

ANTONIO CELFO SUCCEEDS AS TALENTED MUSICIAN

Washington Violinist is Also a Conductor and Instructor of Ability.

In twenty years' residence in Washington as a musician, the versatility and ability of Antonio Celfo has been universally recognized by residents of this city, because of his being a talented performer on the violin and the flute, as well as a conductor of several musical organizations and an instructor of music. During the last few months, Mr. Celfo has appeared as soloist with orchestras and bands under the leadership of the city's most prominent musicians, and has given many recitals of his own compositions, not only in Washington but throughout the country. He is at present instructor and conductor of the Navy Yard Band, which under his leadership has given many fine performances in concerts at the Navy Yard every Friday evening during the past summer.

Aside from the services Mr. Celfo has rendered the city as a musician, he takes a personal interest in the affairs of Washington, and is a citizen of value to the community.

NEW TO MEMBERS OF ALL CHURCHES

You may become very successful as leaders of churches and societies by securing a copy of the new book, "The Christian's Guide to Success," by Dr. T. J. Moore, D.D., published by the Christian Science Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

PHONE BOOK A BANK.

Searchers Find Valuables in Discarded Volumes. Chicago—Telephone books have succeeded the Bible and similar repositories for the family wealth. It was disclosed when a squad of searchers began looking through thousands of discarded books for money hidden before the editions were exchanged. Fifteen men searched 20,000 discarded books for twelve hours, looking for an envelope containing valuable papers, several small diamonds and other jewelry, which was found intact. Several sums of money have been found.

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SKULL 25,000 YEARS OLD.

Teeth Showed that Fossil Is that of Boy.

Sydney, Australia—The first truly fossil skull discovered in Australia was recently handed as a gift to the University of Sydney by Jornton Smith, of the State Legislative Council. This is the skull which caused a sensation at the Congress of the British Association of Science last September. It is believed to be 25,000 years old. Since the British association's convention the petrified encrustation inside and outside the skull has been removed by Professors David and Smith.

At the formalities attending the receipt of the skull from the donor, Prof. David explained that it belonged to the Pleistocene period and was found after a flood thirty-one years ago in the bed of a creek near Taitai Branch, on the Darling Downs in the state of Queensland, by a stockman. Prof. Smith said that the sequence of teeth in the skull was such as to show that it was that of a youth about 15, yet one of the teeth was the largest human tooth yet discovered. The extremely primitive characteristics of the skull were so great, he said, as to warrant its being placed with such anthropological specimens as the prehistoric Heidelberg jaw and the Pilt-down skull.

ARTISTIC WORK EXECUTED BY THE NATIONAL MOSAIC CO.

One of the ancient arts in which artistic construction work is now largely confined by Americans, mosaic and tile work is popular in the present time, and Washington is no exception. A specialty of this kind of work, whose beautiful designs have made it famous in many States. This company is the National Mosaic Company, Incorporated, which was established nearly twenty years ago and incorporated in 1903, its establishment now being located at 328 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, where scores of classic and modern designs in mosaic and tile work are on exhibition, and construction are always on exhibition, and a visit to the place is well worth while.

For the artistic decoration of floors, walls, ceilings, fireplaces, and other work of an interior and exterior character, designs may be seen at this establishment in marble and enamel mosaics, marble tiling, ceramic, structural slate, terrazzo, mosaics, and similar composition works which have been designed by skilled artists and executed at all times in filling large contracts for the company throughout the country.

This firm can lay claim to mosaics and tiling in Roman, Venetian, and all other styles to be seen in Washington, Baltimore, Louisville, and many other important buildings in the United States. In this city alone the National Mosaic Company has filled important contracts in such distinctive buildings as the Congressional Library, the United States National Museum, the United States Treasury Department, the Washington Public Library, the Raleigh Hotel, the Continental Hotel, the Murray Trust Building, the Colorado Building, the Riggs Building, the President Hotel, and many other private and public buildings, which is certainly a list of buildings highly commendatory of the company's standing with the government and large private corporations.

As to the extent of its trade in other cities it may be mentioned that the company has furnished mosaic and tile work for the New Building, the State Normal School, and the Stafford Hotel in Baltimore; the Municipal Building in Huntington, W. Va.; the United States National Bank in Wilmington, N. C.; the Knights of Pythias Building in Indianapolis, Ind.; and the Seaboard Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

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